

REMARKS

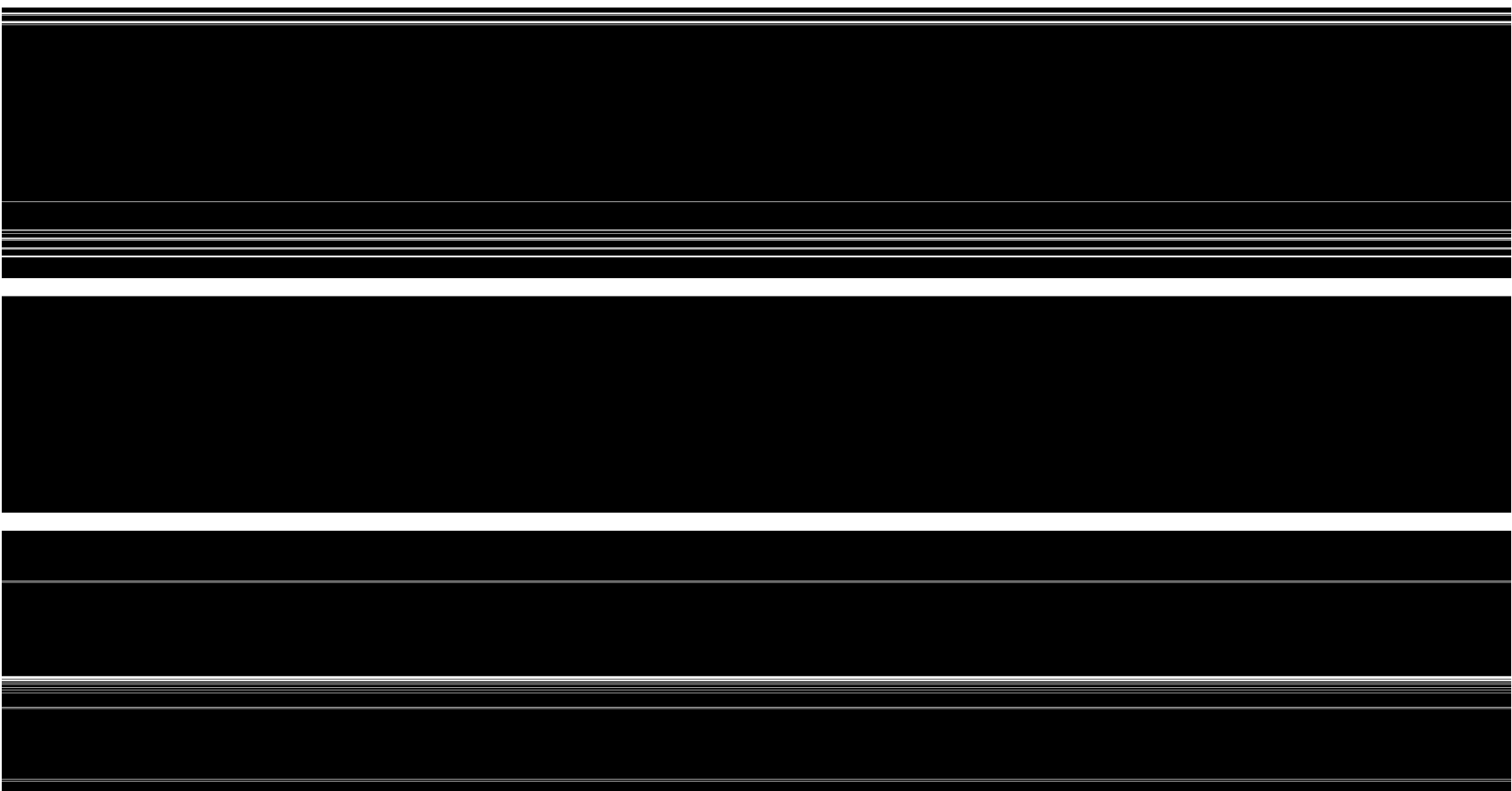
Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3, 5-9, and 12-13 are currently pending. Claims 1, 5, and 12 have been amended by the present amendment. No new matter has been added.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claim 12 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101, as directed to a non-statutory process; and Claims 1-3, 5-9, and 12-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite; and Claims 1-3, 5-9, and 12-13 were indicated as reciting allowable matter, if amended to overcome the outstanding rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 101 and 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Applicants appreciatively acknowledge the indication of allowable subject matter.

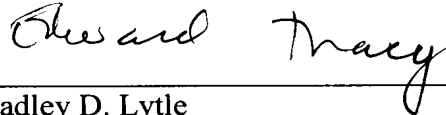
In response to the rejection of Claims 1-3, 5-9, and 12-13 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, Claims 1, 5, and 12 have been amended to address each of the informalities identified in the outstanding Office Action. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the rejections of Claims 1-3, 5-9, and 12-13 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, be withdrawn.



Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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